

## Carbon County Quality Improvement Committee

Meeting Dates:	January 15, 2009 February 19, 2009 March 19, 2009	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
<b>Dash Board Items:</b>	Staff Retention and Recognition	<b>January 15, 2009</b> Region director gave report on stability, and challenges with budget cuts. <b>February 19, 2009 Discussion</b> was held on what we could reward them with that would fit within the budget crisis at this time.	-QI committee voted to keep employee recognition as one of our goals as retention is no longer a problem at this time. - Team will continue to provide ideas as they find them for this reward.
	Youth Forum/Dealing with Adolescent Foster Children and Communication with Adults	<b>February 19, 2009</b> – Discussion was held that we will continue to work on this, but wait until the school year starts again in August so we have sustainability and kids who will maintain this part of the project to see if it can be successful as it has not been thus far.	
	Placement Stability/Substance Abuse	<b>January 15, 2009</b> – Discussion on our year end numbers which remain very low on placement stability. Data was handed out on this item. <b>February 19, 2009</b>	Discussion was held on keeping placement stability as something we will work on through out the year.
	Foster Parent Retention and Stability	<b>January 15, 2009</b> <b>February 19, 2009</b> – Foster parent survey was handed out from UFCF. Discussion was held on how to support foster parents better. <b>March 19, 2009</b> – Testimonials were handed out along with the flyer with excerpts from the testimonials. Also approval was provided by the UFCF for 2 hours per year that could be approved for attendance at support groups for foster and kinship parents.	Suggestion was made to get testimonials from those foster and kinship parents who are attending support groups to try to encourage others to attend. Flyer will be created and handed out with these testimonials. Also see if we could provide a certain number of training hours for attendance at this group.
	Substance Abuse	<b>February 19, 2009</b> – Discussion was held on how to make U.A.'s more beneficial to the treatment that is given. <b>March 19, 2009</b> – Most of the meeting was utilized in discussion of the SAMSHA report on assessing need for substance abuse treatment, and identifying questions caseworkers could ask to identify if progress was or was not being made.	Definitions of stability under the substance abuse model will be handed out at next meeting to continue with this goal. Outcome measure would be to provide caseworkers and CFT with a tool to assist them in assessing when it would be appropriate to decrease or increase U.A.'s. Assignment is to put brainstorm into a

			document by next meeting and have something to present to the Region Director by June 2009.
	Transition to Adult Living	<b>February 19, 2009</b> – QI team would like this to be a goal that we work on as most of the kids in Carbon County that remain in care fall under this domain. Will invite the TAL worker to the May meeting.	<b>Invite the TAL coordinator to the May meeting. Pull additional information on TAL kids and characteristics for the next meeting.</b>
<b>Public Relations:</b>			
<b>Studies:</b>		<b>March 19, 2009</b> - SAMSHA guidelines for substance abuse. Life areas which are impacted by substance abuse. Measurements on those life areas, and the difference between the tests for substances and the reliability of those.	
<b>Respite Proposal</b>			.
<b>QCR Participation:</b>		Boni attended Southwest for one week February 23 – 26 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Data Reviewed:</b>		<b>January 15, 2009 – Placement stability. Region director discussed sustainability plan, Creative Intervention Program, and budget challenges.</b> <b>February 19, 2009 – TAL numbers of children in foster care. Foster Parent exit survey from UFCF. CPS data from PIP team regarding CPR.</b>	
<b>Other Business:</b>		Discussion was held in January to vote in a new chair, and to spend the next thirty days to look over data that was presented regarding placement stability, foster parent numbers, and CPS statistics and decide if we want to keep the same goals or get new goals for the coming year.	